## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising:

(i) a metal chelate of a 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione of formula(I)

$$(Q)p \xrightarrow{Q} (Z)n \qquad (I)$$

wherein X represents a halogen atom; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl or alkoxy group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more groups  $-OR^1$  or one or more halogen atoms; or a group selected from nitro, cyano,  $-CO_2R^2$ ,  $-S(O)_mR^1$ ,  $-O(CH_2)_rOR^1$ ,  $-COR^2$ ,  $-NR^2R^3$ ,  $-SO_2NR^2R^3$ ,  $-CONR^2R^3$ ,  $-CSNR^2R^3$  and  $-OSO_2R_4$ ;

R<sup>1</sup> represents a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each independently represents a hydrogen atom; or a straight- or branchedchain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R<sup>4</sup> represents a straight-or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; or a cycloalkyl group containing from three to six carbon atoms;

each Z independently represents halo, nitro, cyano,  $S(O)_m R^5$ ,  $OS(O)_m R^5$ ,

 $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ haloalkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ haloalkoxy, carboxy,

 $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylcarbonyloxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylcarbonyl, amino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ dialkylamino having independently the stated number of carbon atoms in each alkyl group,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylcarbonylamino,

 $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonylamino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylaminocarbonylamino,

 $(C_1-C_6)$  dialkylaminocarbonylamino having independently the stated number of carbon atoms in each alkyl group,  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkoxycarbonyloxy,

 $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylaminocarbonyloxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ dialkylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonyl, substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy, substituted phenylcarbonylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, phenoxy or substituted phenoxy;

R<sup>5</sup> represents cyano, -COR<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup> or -S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen or straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms;

R<sup>7</sup> represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)haloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cyanoalkyl,

 $(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with halogen, cyano or  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; or phenyl optionally substituted with one to three of the same or different halogen, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_4)$ haloalkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ alkoxy or  $-S(O)_mR^8$ ;

R<sup>8</sup> represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

each Q independently represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl or -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup> wherein R<sup>9</sup> is

(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

m is zero, one or two;

n is zero or an integer from one to four;

r is one, two or three; and

p is zero or an integer from one to six; and

(ii) an organic phosphate, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant.

Claim 2 (Original): A herbicidal composition according to claim 1, wherein X is chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-S(O)_mR^1$ , or  $-OR^1$ .

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any one or <u>claims 1 or 2</u>, wherein each Z is independently chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, -  $CF_3$ , - $OR^1$ , - $OS(O)_mR^5$  or - $S(O)_mR^5$ .

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to <u>claim 1</u> <del>any one of claims 1 to 3</del>, wherein n is one or two.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of <u>claims 1 to 4</u>, wherein p is zero.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to <a href="claim 1">claim 1</a> any one of elaims-1-to-5, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'nitro-4'methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonyloxy benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-chloro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-methanesulphonyl-2-nitrobenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-methanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione and 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-ethanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to <u>claim 1</u> <del>any one of claims 1 to 6</del>, wherein the phosphate, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant is a compound of formula II

wherein R<sup>11</sup> is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH<sub>2</sub>CHR<sup>14</sup>]<sub>i</sub>-OR<sup>15</sup> wherein R<sup>14</sup> is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, t is from 0 to 50 and R<sup>15</sup> is hydrogen or an alkyl group containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are independently (i) an alkyl or alkenyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms; (ii) optionally substituted phenyl; (iii) an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or (iv) a group -[OCH<sub>2</sub>CHR<sup>14</sup>]<sub>i</sub>-OR<sup>15</sup> as herein defined; or (v) a group of formula (III)

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(III)

wherein R<sup>16</sup> is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH<sub>2</sub>CHR<sup>14</sup>]<sub>t</sub>-OR<sup>15</sup> as herein defined and R<sup>17</sup> is an alkyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted phenyl, an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH<sub>2</sub>CHR<sup>14</sup>]<sub>t</sub>-OR<sup>15</sup> as herein defined; and wherein t is from 0 to ten.

Claim 8. (Original): A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphate in which R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are all independently alkoxy groups.

Claim 9. (Original): A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphonate in which R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are both independently alkoxy groups and R<sup>13</sup> is an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim10. (Original): A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphinate in which R<sup>11</sup> is an alkoxy group and R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are both independently an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended): A process for the control of weeds, said process comprising applying to the locus of the weeds a herbicidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10 claim 1.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended): A method of improving the selectivity of a metal chelate of a 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, when applied to unwanted vegetation in a crop of useful plants, said method comprising the applying of a herbicidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10 claim 1.